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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Sovereign of the nations of the world, today we share a profound grief with Israel and all peace-loving people at the slaying of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Just a few days ago, here in the rotunda of the Capitol, we heard him speak of his commitment to peace as we celebrated the 3,000th anniversary of the city of Jerusalem. Only a few days before that we saw him sign the peace agreement and seal it with a historic handshake with Yasser Arafat at the White House. All of this was the fruit of his efforts in the negotiations at Oslo and subsequently his leadership in the 1993 agreement with the Palestinians. Oh God, this great and gracious man defied the risks and faced the dangers of being a peacemaker among his own people and in the Middle East. All because of the mandate for peace You placed as a passion in his heart.

We abhor the violent, radical fanaticism that would viciously motivate a countryman to cause Rabin's untimely death. Now Lord, we ask You to stay the evil hand of terrorism in our time. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for Shimon Peres as he becomes acting Prime Minister, for President Clinton, and Secretary of State Christopher as they seek to stabilize the implementation of the peace agreement, may they be encouraged by our support. Oh, Jehovah Shalom, fill our hearts and minds with Your peace as we commit ourselves anew to be peacemakers. In Your holy name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Wyoming is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, today there will be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m.

Following morning business, the Senate is expected to consider a resolution in honor of Israeli Prime Minister Rabin.

There will be no rollcall votes today.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

THE BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, before discussing today's bad news about the Federal debt, how about "another go," as the British put it, with our pop quiz. Remember? One question, one answer.

The question: How many millions of dollars does it take to add up a trillion dollars? While you are thinking about it, bear in mind that it was the U.S. Congress that ran up the Federal debt that is \$27 billion away from \$5 trillion.

To be exact, as of the close of business Friday, November 3, the total Federal debt—down to the penny—stood at

\$4,984,800,213,988.31. This figure is approximately \$27 billion away from \$5 trillion. Another depressing figure means that on a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$18,922.39.

Mr. President, back to our pop quiz, how many million in a trillion: There are a million million in a trillion.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GORTON). In my capacity as a Senator from the State of Washington, I ask unanimous consent that further proceedings under the quorum call be rescinded.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, in his capacity as a Senator from the State of Washington, asks unanimous consent that the Senate now stand in recess until the hour of 12:30 p.m.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:24 a.m., recessed until 12:30 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. CRAIG).

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. DOLE (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. FORD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. PELL, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL,

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